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Two Charged With Drug-Deal Capital Murder in Tarzana

Two men have been charged with killing two men after they allegedly fled in their vehicle to Tarzana after a drug deal gone bad in Woodland Hills, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Guillermo Terán (dob 7/14/92) of Oxnard and Tomás Ramos Ochoa (dob 3/7/82) of Los Angeles both face two counts each of murder and attempted murder.

Case LA083605 includes special circumstance allegations of murder during the commission of a robbery, murder by means of discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle and multiple murders.

Ochoa was charged today and is scheduled to be arraigned with Terán on July 13 in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch. The charges against Terán were filed on June 7.

The criminal complaint includes allegations that Terán personally and intentionally discharged a handgun, causing the death of Christian Barrera-Rivera, 23, and Sonny Peña, 28, and that he was convicted in San Diego in 2012 of federal drug charges.

The case is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorneys Brad Harmon and Elizabeth Dickinson.

On June 2, the two victims were allegedly fired upon in Woodland Hills soon after driving up to the two defendants, who also were in their vehicle, for a drug deal, the prosecutors said. The victims sped away but Terán and Ochoa are alleged to have caught up with them in Tarzana, the prosecutors added.

The victims were found shot near Corbin Avenue and Calvert Street. Peña was dead and Barrera-Rivera died later at a nearby hospital.

The defendants are being held without bail. If convicted as charged, they both face the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole. A decision on whether to seek death will be made at a later date.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Van Nuys Station.

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